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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Benson, et al.) Group Art Unit 2771
Appl. No. : 09/164,606)
Filed : October 1, 1998)
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
MANAGING A DATA)
OBJECT SO AS TO COMPLY)
WITH PREDETERMINED)
CONDITIONS FOR USAGE)
Examiner : Maria Von Buhr)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant has the following amendments in regard to the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A system for managing a data object so as to comply with control conditions for usage of the data object, comprising:

a user interface module which receives a variable number of control conditions;

a packaging module which provides a general set of control data for the data object based on the variable number of control conditions for usage, the general set of control data comprising at least one or more usage control elements defining usages of the data object which comply with the variable number of control conditions and which combines the general set of control data with the data object; and

an encrypting module which encrypts the data object and at least the one or more

usage control elements to create a secure data package [necessary].

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